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REMARKS

By way of summary, Claim 1 was pending in this application. In the present amendment, the Applicants canceled Claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer and added new Claims 2-21. Accordingly, Claims 2-21 remain pending for consideration.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Applicants submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement providing references which came to the Applicants' attention. While the Applicants do not believe that these references will affect the patentability of the pending claims, the Applicants respectfully request the consideration of the same.

Rejection Of Claim 1 For Double Patenting

The Office Action rejected Claims 1 for statutory double patenting. In response, the Applicants have canceled Claim 1 and added new Claims 2-21 which are sufficiently different to avoid application of any statutory double patenting rejections. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the statutory double patent rejection of canceled Claim 1 not be applied to new Claims 2-22.

Request For Telephone Interview

In view of the forgoing, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If further issues remain to be resolved, the Applicants' undersigned attorney of record hereby formally requests a telephone interview with the Examiner. The Applicants' attorney can be reached at (949) 721-2946 or at the number listed below.

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In addition, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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